

**“The Gifts of Tongues and Interpretation”**  
**1 Corinthians 12:10**

“To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good...to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.” 1 Corinthians 12:7-10

What speaking in tongues is not:

1. It is not gibberish.
2. It is not preaching the gospel to the heathen.
3. It is not a sign gift that has passed away with the apostolic age.
4. It is not a spiritual gift of which the apostle Paul was embarrassed.
5. It is not “ecstatic speech.”
6. It is not a status symbol.
7. It is not a substitute for spiritual growth.

What is speaking in other tongues?

1. It is speaking to God.

“Anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God.” 1 Corinthians 14:2

2. It is to pray.

“I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit; but I will also sing with my mind.” 1 Corinthians 14:15

3. It is thanksgiving.

4. It is declaring the mighty works of God.

“For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.” Acts 10:46

5. It involves intercession.

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know how to pray as we ought.” Romans 8:26,27

“Pray at all times in the Spirit.” Ephesians 6:18

6. It gives us strength.

“He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself.” 1 Corinthians 14:4

What guidelines are we to follow when the gift of tongues occurs publicly?

1. It is to be interpreted.
2. It is to be limited to two or three utterances for each worship service.
3. It is to be used by many.
4. It is to be used at the proper moment.

How can I be baptized in the Holy Spirit?

1. Ask God
2. Believe (act out your faith)
3. Praise God
4. Decide

“Jesus, I thank you and praise you for your great love and faithfulness to me. My heart is filled with joy whenever I think of the great gift of salvation you have so freely given to me, and I humbly glorify you – for you have forgiven me all my sins and brought me to the Father.

Now I come in obedience to your call. I want to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. I do not come because I am worthy myself, but because you have invited me to come. Because you have washed me from my sins, I thank you that you have made the vessel of my life a worthy one to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

I want to be overflowed with your life, your love and your power, Jesus. I want to show forth your grace, your words, your goodness, and your gifts to everyone I can.

And so with simple, childlike faith, I ask you, Lord: Fill me with the Holy Spirit. I open all of myself to you, to receive all of yourself in me. Anoint me as I release myself to sing praises to you in this new spiritual prayer language.

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice in praise to you. I welcome your might and your miracles. May they be made manifest in me – for your glory and for your praise.”